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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS

1. US-HK FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS WERE GIVEN COVERAGE BY THE TWO MAJOR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND HONG KONG STANDARD.

- 2. SHORT ARTICLES APPEARED IN AUG 15, 16 AND 17 EDITIONS OF BOTH PAPERS. COVERAGE WAS LOW KEY LARGELY QUOTING STATEMENTS MADE BY LAWRENCE MILLS, LEADER OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, TO THE EFFECT THAT
- 1) THE TALKS WERE NOT NEGOTIATIONS BUT RATHER CONSULTATIONS AND 2) THERE WAS A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCREASED EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR FROM HK TO THE US. THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST (8/17) SURMIZED THAT "HONG KONG STOOD FIRM AGAINST CONTROLS ON THE NEWLY-GROWING TRADE". BOTH PAPERS MENTIONED THAT THE TALKS WIL RESUME IN SEPT PROBABLY IN WASHINGTON. SHOESMITH

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